

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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WORK PROGRAMME

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Summary

This item advises Members of the current work programme and allows the Committee to adjust it in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. It gives members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee's activities over the year.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 Under Chapter 4, Part 5 of the Constitution – Overview and Scrutiny Rules, paragraph 21.1 (xv) General terms of reference, each overview and scrutiny committee has the responsibility for setting its own work programme.

2. Background

- 2.1 Appendix 1 to this report sets out the proposed work programme for the Committee during the current municipal year.

3. Agenda planning meeting

- 3.1 Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. These give officers guidance on information that members wish them to provide when scrutinising an issue. An agenda planning meeting took place on 18 December 2017.
- 3.2 At the meeting it was agreed to add the report on the findings and outcomes from the Medway Youth Council Annual Conference held in November 2017, which was entitled 'The Bully: Understanding Both Sides,' to the agenda for the meeting on 11 January 2018.

3.3 It was also discussed and recommended that the following reports added to the work programme on 5 December 2017 with a date to be determined be scheduled as follows:

8 March 2018

- Results of the Ofsted local area Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Provision Inspection

June (Exact date to be confirmed)

- Update on Supported Accommodation for Children in Care and Care Leavers

3.4 Following review of the Cabinet Forward Plan published on 18 December 2017, it was discussed and recommended that the report on the outcome of the Special Educational Needs transport budget and proposed Home to School Transport Policy be considered by the Committee on 8 March 2018, prior to Cabinet on 10 April 2018.

3.5 At the meeting of the Committee on 5 December 2017, a Member suggested that the report on Assistive Reproductive Technology (ART) should perhaps be considered by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee as it did not relate to children's health. Having reviewed the terms of reference of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in particular Chapter 4, Part 5, paragraph 21.2 (b), it was agreed that further reports on the matter would be considered by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The next meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee is Thursday 18 January 2018 at 6:30pm. At this meeting the Committee will be asked to determine whether proposed changes in relation to the provision of ART services in Medway amounted to a substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services in the local authority's area.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 18 December 2017 and can be viewed using the following link:
<https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=298&RP=115>

4.2 Set out below is a list of items featuring on the Forward Plan that fall within the terms of reference of the Children and Young People (CYP) Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee is asked to identify any items it wishes to consider before the Cabinet decision is taken (where dates permit), other than those already programmed in Appendix 1:

Title of Decision:	Anticipated Cabinet Decision Date:
<p>Final Funding Formula for Mainstream Schools and Academies This report will set out final proposals for the funding formula for mainstream schools and academies, following consideration by the Schools forum.</p>	<p>16 January 2018</p>

<p>Gateway 3 Contract Award: Independent Fostering Agency Provision</p> <p>This report will set out the outcome of the tender process and evaluation for the award of contract for an Independent Fostering Agency with Kent County Council. The Cabinet agreed the commencement of the procurement process on 4 April 2017.</p>	<p>16 January 2018</p>
<p>Annual Adoption Report</p> <p>This report will provide detail of the Performance of the Council's Adoption Service.</p> <p>(On work programme for 11 January 2018)</p>	<p>6 February 2018</p>
<p>Outcome of Statutory Representation Period for the Prescribed Alterations at Halling Primary School</p> <p>The report will set out any objections to the full proposals for the prescribed alterations at Halling Primary School.</p> <p>If there are no objections to these proposals, the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holders for Children's Services (Lead Member) and Educational Attainment will determine whether to approve proposal, as set out in Cabinet decision no. 34/2017 (4 April 2017).</p>	<p>6 February 2018</p>
<p>Revenue and Capital Budgets 2018/2019</p> <p>This report will set out the proposals for the 2018/2019 capital and revenue budgets, including the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.</p> <p>(Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2018/19 presented on 5 December 2017)</p>	<p>6 February 2018</p>
<p>School Admission Arrangements - Outcome of Consultation on In Year Admissions</p> <p>This report will provide details of the outcome of consultation on proposals to amend the process for in year admissions.</p>	<p>6 February 2018</p>
<p>Task Group on Employment Opportunities for 18-25 Year Olds</p> <p>This report will provided details of the findings and the recommendations arising from the Task Group on Employment Opportunities for 18-25 Year Olds.</p> <p>(On work programme for 11 January 2018)</p>	<p>6 February 2018</p>
<p>Council Plan Performance Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2017/2018</p> <p>This report will set out performance monitoring for the third quarter of 2017/2018.</p> <p>(On work programme for 8 March 2018)</p>	<p>6 March 2018</p>

<p>Offer for Care Leavers This report will provide details of a review of the existing services for young people who are leaving the care of the Council following changes in national policy and legislation, including the Children and Social Work Act 2017.</p>	6 March 2018
<p>Medway Commercial Group Ltd 2017/2018 Six Monthly Report This report will set out details of performance for the latest monitoring period for Medway Commercial Group Ltd.</p>	10 April 2018
<p>Prescribed Alterations at Luton Infant School This report will outline the proposal to increase the age range and add a satellite site to Luton Infant School following the prescribed statutory process and request Cabinet authority to commence the statutory representation period.</p>	10 April 2018
<p>Special Educational Needs Transport Budget and Proposed Home to School Transport Policy - Outcome of Consultation This report will provide details of the outcome of consultation on proposed changes to the Home to School Transport Policy, following Cabinet's approval to consult on 21 November 2017.</p>	10 April 2018

5. Teacher and Parent Governor representative vacancies on the Committee

- 5.1 The process for the election of two parent governors from local authority maintained schools to the Council's Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee was notified to eligible parent governors on 15 November 2017. The closing date for nominations was 1 December 2017 at which point two nominations had been received, one from Mr Akinola Eden of English Martyrs Roman Catholic Primary School and the other from Mr David William Lane of the Abbey Court School. As a result, an election will not be required and the Committee is recommended to ask the Council to appoint these two parent governors to the Committee at Full Council on 25 January 2018 for a four year term of office.
- 5.2 Under regulation 10 of the Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001 a parent governor representative is entitled to vote on matters relating to any education functions which are the responsibility of Medway Council's executive and under consideration by the Committee.

6. NHS England South procurement of orthodontic services

- 6.1 A number of contracts to provide orthodontic services in the south of England will be coming to an end on 31 March 2019. NHS England will be holding a procurement process in the New Year to award new contracts to provide orthodontic services from 1 April 2019.
- 6.2 Although the procurement will be managed on a regional basis, contracts will be split into geographical lots. Medway is one of the lots. The new contract aims to place an emphasis on prevention and early intervention and supporting

the population to take more responsibility for their oral health. In doing so NHS England are introducing a new model and care pathway that with a focus on:

- Oral health assessments (OHAs)/oral health reviews (OHRs)
- Treatment
- Prevention

- 6.3 NHS England have proposed increasing the number of orthodontic locations to two (one in Rochester or Strood and one in Gillingham or Rainham) the current centre is in Strood. NHS England have also proposed to reduce the units of orthodontic activity from 38,257 to 25,011, a reduction of 13,972 (a course of treatment is either 4 or 21 units of orthodontic activity). These changes have been based on an orthodontic needs assessment. The eligibility for NHS funded orthodontic treatment will not change.
- 6.4 NHS England were seeking the views of stakeholders, patients, and interested parties on its proposals, with a deadline of 20 December 2017. NHS England have agreed to an extension of this deadline so that the proposals may be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 11 January 2018.
- 6.5 The Director of Public Health has initially reviewed the information provided by NHS England. The key points raised and the associated response from NHS England are as follows:

6.5.1 **Needs assessment**

Further clarification was required on the formula used to determine need and reallocate resources.

NHS England have confirmed the formula utilised was one third of the 12 year old population for each Local Authority area multiplied by 21 units of orthodontic activity (a course of treatment is either 4 or 21 units of orthodontic activity), increased by 5% to allow for some assessments that do not progress to treatment or interceptive treatment.

6.5.2 **Impact of changes to other local authority areas**

The Director of Public Health has advised that increasing the number of locations to two should improve accessibility if waiting lists do not increase. It should also reduce travel time for residents to the east of the River Medway. However, the data provided suggests it is proposed to further reduce the units of orthodontic activity for Swale as a result of surplus provision in Ashford and that Swale was under-resourced in the past. The number of units of orthodontic activity in 2017/18 was 1,560 compared with a calculated need of 13,048. The proposal is to increase this to 8,338 (allowing for a reduction of 4,710 for Ashford over provision). As the transport links are stronger between Swale and Medway it was felt that is likely that some Swale patients may naturally gravitate towards Medway, placing additional, unforeseen pressure on services in Medway.

Furthermore, given the future projected population increases in Medway, the provision of two sites should be welcomed but clarification was required on the impact to local people and any mitigation NHS England will put in place to

ensure that Medway residents are not disadvantaged through changes to services in Swale and Ashford.

NHS England have explained that Patient flows demonstrate that many patients from the west of Swale have historically travelled to Medway and this was in part due to insufficient provision in that area. These patient flows have reduced in recent years, since the current contract in Swale was introduced (prior to 2013 there was no orthodontic provision in Swale at all). With the proposed increase in provision in Swale NHS England anticipate many patients will choose a more local service rather than to travel to Medway. Currently the existing contract in Medway has no waiting lists and the contract was below it's activity target at the mid-year point, which supports that there is currently too much provision in the Medway area.

6.5.3 Quality of dental care in Medway

Lastly, the Director of Public Health requested assurances that the proposed changes to the orthodontic services in Medway would not adversely affect the quality of dental care provided to Medway residents.

NHS England have advised that they do not anticipate that the quality of dental care will be affected by these changes, but rather Medway patients will benefit from having a choices of providers locally.

7. Paediatric Critical Care and specialised surgery for children review update

- 7.1 NHS England launched a national review into paediatric critical care and specialised surgery for children in October 2016. The national review is being led by the specialised commissioning directorate. As well as considering paediatric critical care and specialised surgery for children, it is also reviewing paediatric critical care transport and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO).
- 7.2 The key driver for the review is the increased pressure that these services are facing. The review wants to make sure that services are sustainable and fit for the future. Throughout 2017, the review programme has been engaging with a wide range of people involved in the care of children who need specialised surgery and critical care services, including patients and their families.
- 7.3 Members of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee were informed of an ongoing national review into paediatric critical care and specialised surgery for children by NHS England. A webinar was held by NHS England on 6 December 2017, which members were invited to participate in.
- 7.4 All District General Hospitals, Medway Foundation Trust (MFT) included, provide a Tier 1 service which is basic critical care for more than 24 hours in any paediatric inpatient unit. In December 2017 Commissioning leads from Clinical Commissioning Groups in Kent and Medway undertook an audit of capacity and pressures and have discussed this with NHS England specialised commissioning. Commissioners will ensure that future developments relating to critical care and Tier 2 High dependency Unit Services are linked to the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) with consideration of the outcome

of the national review. Tier 3 intensive care services are provided in Paediatric Intensive Care Units (PICU). These are commissioned by NHS England and provided by tertiary providers outside Kent and Medway. Commissioners in Kent and Medway are aware of the review and are committed to working in partnership to develop High Dependency Unit services accordingly and will keep Members updated.

8. Implications for Looked After Children

- 8.1 Members should ensure they focus on outcomes for looked after children. This includes considering their physical health; their emotional health; their safeguarding; their educational attainment and progress; their hopes and aspirations for their adult lives and how looked after young people have their voices heard. We know that looked after children can be more vulnerable to sexual exploitation so particular attention should be given to this. As a corporate parent you should be a champion for looked after children and have the same high expectations of them as you would for your child, grandchild or niece/ nephew.

9. Financial and legal implications

- 9.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 9.2 Under The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 the Council has power to review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in Medway. This Committee has the remit to review and scrutinise health services for children and must invite interested parties to comment on particular matters under review or scrutiny and take into account relevant available information and in particular, relevant information provided by Healthwatch Medway. The Committee may make reports and recommendations and reports to relevant NHS bodies or health service providers. These organisations are also under a statutory obligation to consult the Committee on any proposal for a substantial development or variation of children's health services in Medway.
- 9.3 The Parent Governor (England) Regulations 2001 provide for the arrangements relating to the election of voting parent governor representatives to education Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

10. Recommendations

- 10.1 The Committee is asked to agree the work programme as set out at Appendix 1, subject to adding:

8 March 2018

- Results of the Ofsted local area Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Provision Inspection
- Special Educational Needs Transport Budget and Proposed Home to School Transport Policy - Outcome of Consultation

June (Exact date to be confirmed)

- Update on Supported Accommodation for Children in Care and Care Leavers

- 10.2 The Committee is asked to note that further reports on Assistive Reproductive Technologies would be considered by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 10.3 The Committee is asked to recommend to Full Council on 25 January 2018 the appointment of Mr Akinola Edun and Mr David William Lane as Parent Governor Representatives on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee for a four year term.
- 10.4 The Committee is asked to agree that the proposals in relation to the procurement of orthodontic services by NHS England do not constitute a substantial variation and to support the proposals on the basis of the additional information provided set out in 6.5 of the report.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Background papers:

None

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Policy framework documents – Youth Justice Plan

Item	Work Type	Responsible officer	Objectives
8 March 2018			
Annual Report of the Children's Social Care Service	Council Performance & Budget Monitoring	Deputy Director, Children and Adults	To scrutinise the annual report from the Children's Social Care Service.
Annual Report on School Performance 2017	Council Performance & Budget Monitoring	Director, Children and Adults Services	To scrutinise school performance for 2016/17.
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member)	Portfolio Holder Holding to Account	Councillor Mackness	To hold the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services (Lead Member) to account on performance against his portfolio.
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Educational Attainment and Improvement	Portfolio Holder Holding to Account	Councillor Potter	To hold the Portfolio Holder for Educational Attainment and Improvement to account on performance against his portfolio.
Aut Even – Ofsted Inspection	Information Item	Director, Children and Adult Services	To scrutinise the Council's response and action plan to address recommendations from Ofsted following its inspection of Aut Even in July, October and November/December 2017.
Council Plan Monitoring – Q3 2017/18 Performance Report	Performance Reviews	Deputy Director, Children and Adults	To scrutinise the Council Plan performance monitoring information that relates to this Committee.
Female Genital Mutilation	Other	Deputy Director, Children and Adults	To consider a report providing information on Female Genital Mutilation.
Update on transfer of Family Nurse Partnership (FNP) Service to Health Visiting Service	Other	Director of Public Health	To consider an update report on the transfer of the FNP to the Health Visiting service.

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June 2018 (exact date to be confirmed)			
Cookham Wood Young Offenders Institute - update	Information Item	Deputy Director, Children and Adult Services	To consider a report providing information on Cookham Wood Young Offenders Institute.
To be determined			
Medway Test Procedure Review	Information Item	Assistant Director, Commissioning, Business and Intelligence	To consider the outcome of an internal review of the Medway Test procedures.
Medway Youth Council (MYC) Annual Conference Findings	Information Item	Medway Youth Council Representatives	To consider a report setting out the key findings of the MYC Annual Conference 2017.
Results of the Ofsted local area Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Provision Inspection	Information Item	Director, Children and Adults Services	To scrutinise the Council's response and action plan to address recommendations from Ofsted following its inspection of the local area Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision on 4 December 2017 to 8 December 2017.
Sure Start Children's Centre Arrangements	Information Item	Director, Children and Adults Services	To consider a report providing an update on Sure Start Children's Centre Arrangements following implementation of approved service reconfiguration.
Tackling Racism in Medway	Information Item	Director, Children and Adult Services	Report following findings of the Medway Youth Parliament Conference 2017 and update report submitted to the Committee on 5 October 2015.
Update on Supported Accommodation for Children in Care and Care Leavers	Information Item	Assistant Director, Commissioning, Business and Intelligence	To consider a report on the updated arrangements for supported accommodation for Children in Care and Care Leavers.
Update on the Integrated Youth Support Service	Information Item	Deputy Director, Children and Adult Services	To consider a progress report on the remodelling of the Integrated Youth Support Services.

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Youth Mentors in the Fostering Service	Information Item	Deputy Director, Children and Adults	To consider a presentation by Youth Mentors on the work they are undertaking in relation to the Fostering Service.

CYP O&S Committee Work Completed in 2017/18:

31 August 2017

- Call-In: Transformation of Early Help Services – outcome of consultation and business case
- Aut Even - outcome of Ofsted inspection and action plan

5 October 2017

- Medway Safeguarding Children Board
- Council Plan Monitoring – Q1 2017/18 Performance Report
- Aut Even – Ofsted Inspection
- Tackling racism in Medway
- Maternity Services Transformation
- Immunisation Services update

5 December 2017

- Annual Fostering Report
- Assistive Reproductive Technology
- Aut Even – Ofsted Inspection
- Council Plan Monitoring – Q2 2017/18 Performance Report
- Draft Capital and Revenue Budgets 2018/19
- Member's Item and petition on the closure of All Saints Nursery
- Overnight Short Breaks
- Petition on the Closure of Kingfisher Sure Start Centre
- School Admissions Arrangements 2019
- Sufficiency Report